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NATIONAL PARK SERVICE

Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park
Curecanti National Recreation Area
102 Elk Creek
Gunnison, Colorado 81230

IN REPLY REFER TO:

N1621

December 19, 2003

Mr. John Kleopfer
U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service
764 Horizon Dr., Bldg. B
Grand Junction, CO 81506

Dear Mr. Kleopfer:

We would like to request a list of Federal threatened, endangered, proposed, and candidate species and designated critical habitats that may be present in Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park and Curecanti National Recreation Area. These areas are located within Montrose and Gunnison Counties, Colorado. Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park is located in Township 49N through 51N, Range 7W through 9W, New Mexico Principal Meridian. Curecanti National Recreation Area is located in Township 48N through 49N, Range 1W through 7W, New Mexico Principal Meridian.

We will use this list for a variety of projects we are currently working on, which include a Wildland Fire Management Plan for both park areas and the expansion of a mineral extraction pit within Curecanti National Recreation Area. Once we receive the lists, we will be sure to ask you for updates every 90 days as necessary for these and other projects within these National Park Service units. We will also be in contact with your office to continue our consultation responsibilities once we review the species list and develop management alternatives.

Thank you for your assistance in this matter. If you have additional questions or need additional information, you may contact Myron Chase, Resource Management Specialist, at 970-249-1914 ext. 426, or myself at 970-641-2337 ext. 225.

Sincerely,

Ken Stahlnecker
Chief of Resource Stewardship and Science

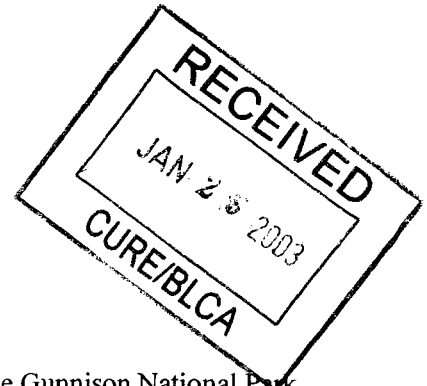


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January 27, 2004



Memorandum

To: Chief of Resource Stewardship and Science, Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park,
Gunnison, Colorado

From: Western Colorado Supervisor, Fish and Wildlife Service, Ecological Services, Grand Junction,
Colorado *Allen R. Foster*

Subject: Threatened and Endangered Species List for Wildland Fire Management Plan

We have received your December 19, 2003, correspondence requesting a list of federally threatened (FT), endangered (FE), and candidate (FC) species potentially affected by the Wildland Fire Management Plan for the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park located in Montrose and Gunnison counties of Colorado.

We would like to bring to your attention species which are candidates for official listing as threatened or endangered species [67 FR, Vol. 67, No. 114 (June 13, 2002)]. While these species presently have no legal protection under the Endangered Species Act, it is within the spirit of the Act to consider project impacts to potentially sensitive candidate species. Additionally, we wish to make you aware of the presence of Federal candidates should any be proposed or listed prior to the time that all Federal actions related to the project are completed.

Please be aware that endangered and threatened species lists should be updated every 90 days by telephone or in writing. If water depletions are or become part of your project, you will need to formally consult for the endangered fishes of the Colorado River.

Federally Listed Species for the Black Canyon of the Gunnison National Park

Bald Eagle (FT)	<i>Haliaeetus leucocephalus</i>
Yellow-billed cuckoo (FC)	<i>Coccyzus americanus</i>
Canada lynx (FT)	<i>Lynx canadensis</i>
Boreal toad (FC)	<i>Bufo boreas boreas</i>
Gunnison sage-grouse (FC)	<i>Centrocercus minimus</i>
Uncompahgre fritillary butterfly (FE)	<i>Boloria acrocnema</i>
Mexican spotted owl (FT)	<i>Strix occidentalis lucida</i>
<i>Eriogonum pelinophilum</i> (FE)	Clay-loving wild-buckwheat
<i>Sclerocactus glaucus</i> (FT)	Uinta Basin hookless cactus

If the Service can be of further assistance, please contact John Kleopfer at the letterhead address or (970) 245-3920, extension. 39.